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**RURAL AND URBAN POPULATION
FOR OHIO COUNTIES, 1990**

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INTRODUCTION

From the first census that included Ohio in 1810, through the 1970 census, the state became increasingly urbanized. That 160 year trend was reversed with the rural turnaround of the 1970's, as the percent urban in the state declined from 75.3 percent in 1970 to 73.3 percent in 1980. The urbanization trend reappeared in the 1980's when the urban percentage increased to 74.1 percent. Still, the state was less urbanized in 1990 than in 1970 and only slightly more urbanized than in 1960.

Three counties, Morgan, Noble and Vinton, are 100 percent rural. That is, they have no towns or villages of 2,500 population or more. An additional 18 counties are more than 75 percent rural. Cuyahoga county is the most urbanized in Ohio with less than 0.2 percent of its population classified as rural. Twelve counties have less than one quarter of their population living in rural areas.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Urban** - Includes people residing in places of 2,500 or more and those in densely settled urbanized areas adjacent to central cities of metropolitan areas. Thus, people in places of less than 2,500, incorporated or unincorporated, may be classified as urban if they reside in areas around large cities that are essentially urban in character.
2. **Rural** - Includes all persons not classified as urban. This includes people in places of less than 2,500 and those in the open country. The open country rural population includes both farm and nonfarm populations.

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TABLE 1. OHIO POPULATION BY RESIDENCE, 1950-1990

YEAR	NUMBER			PERCENT		PERCENT CHANGE	
	TOTAL	URBAN	RURAL	URBAN	RURAL	URBAN	RURAL
1990	10,847,115	8,039,409	2,807,706	74.1	25.9	1.5	-2.5
1980	10,797,630	7,918,259	2,879,371	73.3	26.7	-1.3	9.4
1970	10,657,423	8,025,775	2,631,648	75.3	24.7	12.7	1.9
1960	9,706,397	7,123,162	2,583,235	73.4	26.6	27.7	9.1
1950	7,946,627	5,578,274	2,368,353	70.2	29.8	20.9	3.2
1940	6,907,612	4,612,986	2,294,626	66.8	33.2	2.3	7.3
1930	6,646,697	4,507,371	2,139,326	67.8	32.2	22.6	2.7
1920	5,759,394	3,677,136	2,082,258	63.8	36.2	38.0	-0.9
1910	4,767,121	2,665,143	2,101,978	55.9	44.1	33.4	-2.6
1900	4,157,545	1,998,382	2,159,163	48.1	51.9	32.3	-0.1
1890	3,672,329	1,510,153	2,162,176	41.1	58.9	46.5	-0.2
1880	3,198,062	1,030,769	2,167,293	32.2	67.8	50.9	9.3
1870	2,665,260	682,922	1,982,338	25.6	74.4	70.5	2.2
1860	2,339,511	400,435	1,939,076	17.1	82.9	65.2	11.6
1850	1,980,329	242,418	1,737,911	12.2	87.8	190.4	21.0
1840	1,519,467	83,491	1,435,976	5.5	94.5	127.8	59.3
1830	937,903	36,658	901,245	3.9	96.1	280.2	57.6
1820	581,434	9,642	571,792	1.7	98.3	279.6	150.5
1810	230,760	2,540	228,220	1.1	98.9

SOURCE: BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, 1990 CPH-1-37, PC80-1-A37

TABLE 2. OHIO POPULATION, BY RESIDENCE, 1990

COUNTY	NUMBER			PERCENT	
	TOTAL	URBAN	RURAL	URBAN	RURAL
ADAMS	25,371	3,096	22,275	12.2	87.8
ALLEN	109,755	73,652	36,103	67.1	32.9
ASHLAND	47,507	22,923	24,584	48.3	51.7
ASHTABULA	99,821	52,663	47,158	52.8	47.2
ATHENS	59,549	28,472	31,077	47.8	52.2
AUGLAIZE	44,585	24,939	19,646	55.9	44.1
BELMONT	71,074	34,743	36,331	48.9	51.1
BROWN	34,966	3,627	31,339	10.4	89.6
BUTLER	291,479	241,476	50,003	82.8	17.2
CARROLL	26,521	5,128	21,393	19.3	80.7
CHAMPAIGN	36,019	11,353	24,666	31.5	68.5
CLARK	147,548	105,918	41,630	71.8	28.2
CLERMONT	150,187	79,745	70,442	53.1	46.9
CLINTON	35,415	18,067	17,348	51.0	49.0
COLUMBIANA	108,276	43,578	64,698	40.2	59.8
COSHOCTON	35,427	12,193	23,234	34.4	65.6
CRAWFORD	47,870	30,280	17,590	63.3	36.7
CUYAHOGA	1,412,140	1,409,786	2,354	99.8	0.2
DARKE	53,619	12,863	40,756	24.0	76.0
DEFIANCE	39,350	20,432	18,918	51.9	48.1
DELAWARE	66,929	30,168	36,761	45.1	54.9
ERIE	76,779	49,865	26,914	64.9	35.1
FAIRFIELD	103,461	50,332	53,129	48.6	51.4
FAYETTE	27,466	12,983	14,483	47.3	52.7
FRANKLIN	961,437	931,415	30,022	96.9	3.1
FULTON	38,498	15,989	22,509	41.5	58.5
GALLIA	30,954	4,831	26,123	15.6	84.4
GEAUGA	81,129	12,803	68,326	15.8	84.2
GREENE	136,731	111,192	25,539	81.3	18.7
GUERNSEY	39,024	11,748	27,276	30.1	69.9
HAMILTON	866,228	838,745	27,483	96.8	3.2
HANCOCK	65,536	38,955	26,581	59.4	40.6
HARDIN	31,111	13,769	17,342	44.3	55.7
HARRISON	16,085	3,439	12,646	21.4	78.6
HENRY	29,108	8,884	20,224	30.5	69.5
HIGHLAND	35,728	11,407	24,321	31.9	68.1
HOCKING	25,533	6,725	18,808	26.3	73.7
HOLMES	32,849	3,122	29,727	9.5	90.5
HURON	56,240	27,493	28,747	48.9	51.1
JACKSON	30,230	12,193	18,037	40.3	59.7

TABLE 2. OHIO POPULATION, BY RESIDENCE, 1990

COUNTY	NUMBER			PERCENT	
	TOTAL	URBAN	RURAL	URBAN	RURAL
JEFFERSON	80,298	44,982	35,316	56.0	44.0
KNOX	47,473	14,550	32,923	30.6	69.4
LAKE	215,499	193,659	21,840	89.9	10.1
LAWRENCE	61,834	33,791	28,043	54.6	45.4
LICKING	128,300	69,594	58,706	54.2	45.8
LOGAN	42,310	12,142	30,168	28.7	71.3
LORAIN	271,126	234,124	37,002	86.4	13.6
LUCAS	462,361	438,096	24,265	94.8	5.2
MADISON	37,068	12,312	24,756	33.2	66.8
MAHONING	264,806	222,426	42,380	84.0	16.0
MARION	64,274	34,075	30,199	53.0	47.0
MEDINA	122,354	70,027	52,327	57.2	42.8
MEIGS	22,987	2,725	20,262	11.9	88.1
MERCER	39,443	13,985	25,458	35.5	64.5
MIAMI	93,182	54,078	39,104	58.0	42.0
MONROE	15,497	2,832	12,665	18.3	81.7
MONTGOMERY	573,809	544,943	28,866	95.0	5.0
MORGAN	14,194	0	14,194	0.0	100.0
MORROW	27,749	2,846	24,903	10.3	89.7
MUSKINGUM	82,068	26,778	55,290	32.6	67.4
NOBLE	11,336	0	11,336	0.0	100.0
OTTAWA	40,029	9,888	30,141	24.7	75.3
PAULDING	20,488	2,605	17,883	12.7	87.3
PERRY	31,557	7,718	23,839	24.5	75.5
PICKAWAY	48,255	11,666	36,589	24.2	75.8
PIKE	24,249	4,477	19,772	18.5	81.5
PORTAGE	142,585	79,562	63,023	55.8	44.2
PREBLE	40,113	7,396	32,717	18.4	81.6
PUTNAM	33,819	3,999	29,820	11.8	88.2
RICHLAND	126,137	86,094	40,043	68.3	31.7
ROSS	69,330	21,923	47,407	31.6	68.4
SANDUSKY	61,963	33,322	28,641	53.8	46.2
SCIOTO	80,327	34,057	46,270	42.4	57.6
SENECA	59,733	29,452	30,281	49.3	50.7
SHELBY	44,915	18,710	26,205	41.7	58.3
STARK	367,585	286,662	80,923	78.0	22.0
SUMMIT	514,990	485,563	29,427	94.3	5.7
TRUMBULL	227,813	164,299	63,514	72.1	27.9
TUSCARAWAS	84,090	39,925	44,165	47.5	52.5
UNION	31,969	9,660	22,309	30.2	69.8

TABLE 2. OHIO POPULATION, BY RESIDENCE, 1990

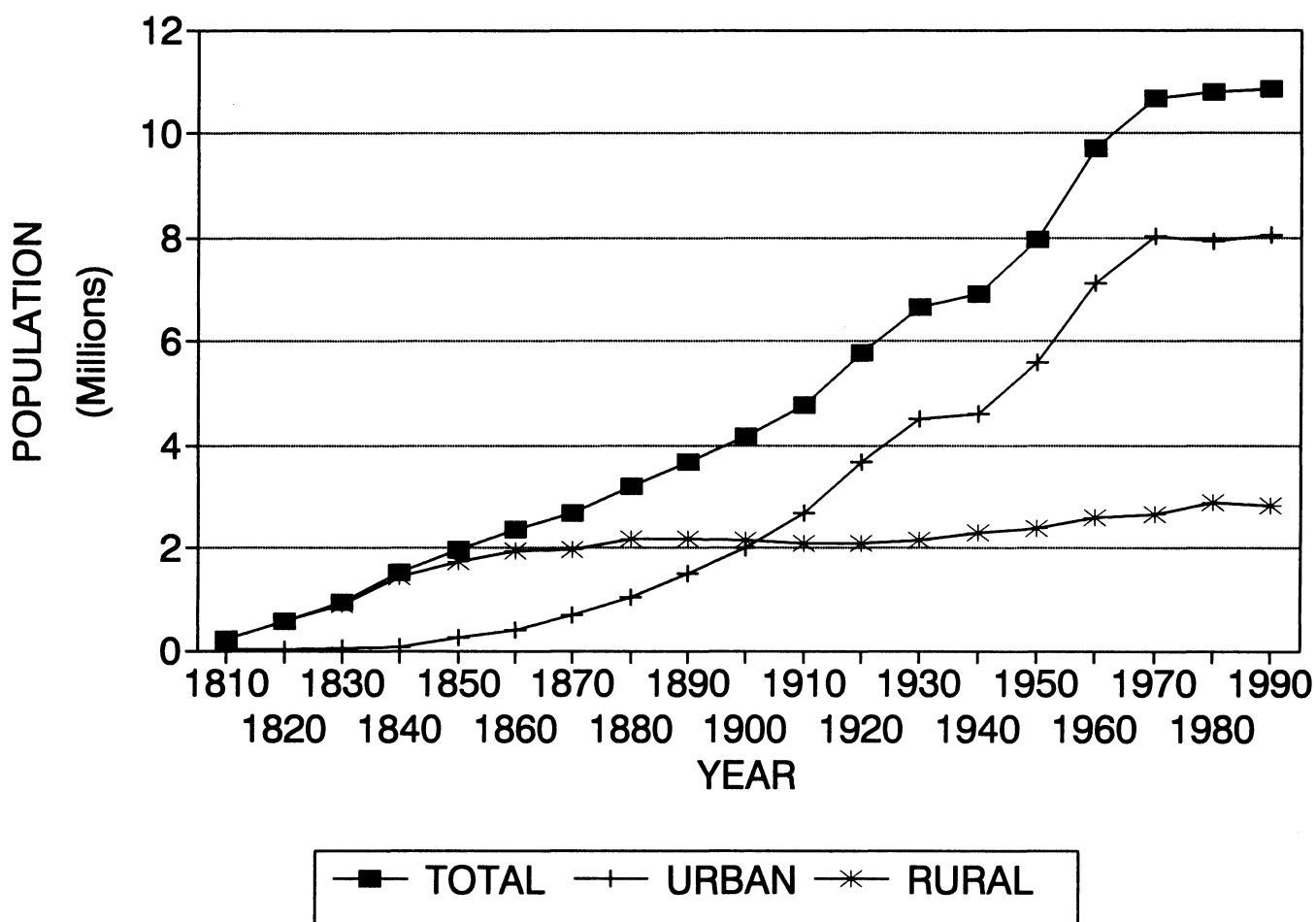
COUNTY	NUMBER			PERCENT	
	TOTAL	URBAN	RURAL	URBAN	RURAL
VAN WERT	30,464	14,083	16,381	46.2	53.8
VINTON	11,098	0	11,098	0.0	100.0
WARREN	113,909	72,127	41,782	63.3	36.7
WASHINGTON	62,254	24,602	37,652	39.5	60.5
WAYNE	101,461	38,745	62,716	38.2	61.8
WILLIAMS	36,956	12,647	24,309	34.2	65.8
WOOD	113,269	71,680	41,589	63.3	36.7
WYANDOT	22,254	9,590	12,664	43.1	56.9
STATE	10,847,115	8,039,409	2,807,706	74.1	25.9

SOURCE: BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, 1990 SUMMARY TAPE FILE

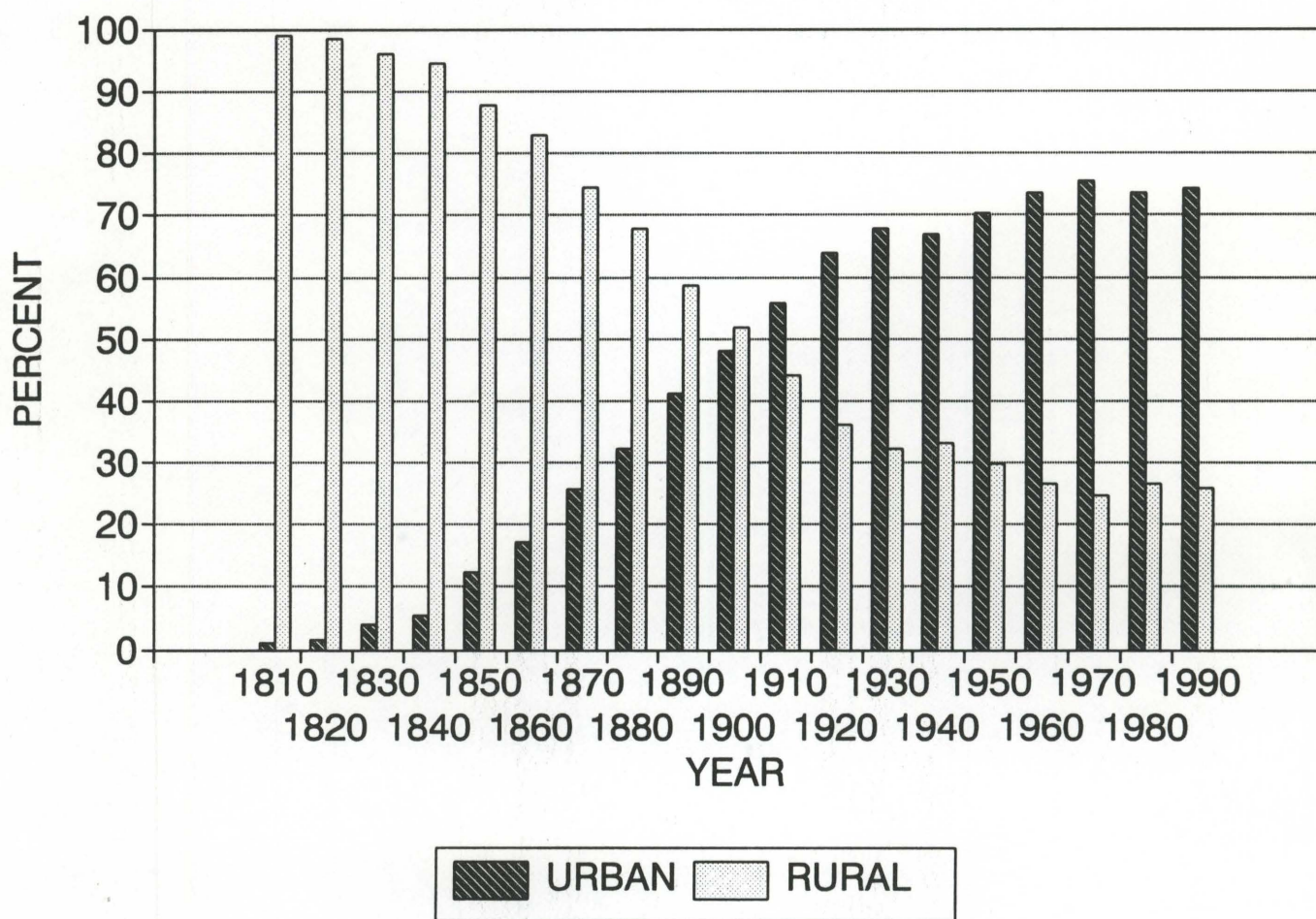
TABLE 3. OHIO COUNTIES RANKED BY PERCENT RURAL, 1990

RANK	COUNTY	RURAL		RANK	COUNTY	RURAL	
		NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT
1	MORGAN	14,194	100.0	45	DELAWARE	36,761	54.9
1	NOBLE	11,336	100.0	46	VAN WERT	16,381	53.8
1	VINTON	11,098	100.0	47	FAYETTE	14,483	52.7
4	HOLMES	29,727	90.5	48	TUSCARAWAS	44,165	52.5
5	MORROW	24,903	89.7	49	ATHENS	31,077	52.2
6	BROWN	31,339	89.6	50	ASHLAND	24,584	51.7
7	PUTNAM	29,820	88.2	51	FAIRFIELD	53,129	51.4
8	MEIGS	20,262	88.1	52	BELMONT	36,331	51.1
9	ADAMS	22,275	87.8	52	HURON	28,747	51.1
10	PAULDING	17,883	87.3	54	SENECA	30,281	50.7
11	GALLIA	26,123	84.4	55	CLINTON	17,348	49.0
12	GEAUGA	68,326	84.2	56	DEFIANCE	18,918	48.1
13	MONROE	12,665	81.7	57	ASHTABULA	47,158	47.2
14	PREBLE	32,717	81.6	58	MARION	30,199	47.0
15	PIKE	19,772	81.5	59	CLERMONT	70,442	46.9
16	CARROLL	21,393	80.7	60	SANDUSKY	28,641	46.2
17	HARRISON	12,646	78.6	61	LICKING	58,706	45.8
18	DARKE	40,756	76.0	62	LAWRENCE	28,043	45.4
19	PICKAWAY	36,589	75.8	63	PORTAGE	63,023	44.2
20	PERRY	23,839	75.5	64	AUGLAIZE	19,646	44.1
21	OTTAWA	30,141	75.3	65	JEFFERSON	35,316	44.0
22	HOCKING	18,808	73.7	66	MEDINA	52,327	42.8
23	LOGAN	30,168	71.3	67	MIAMI	39,104	42.0
24	GUERNSEY	27,276	69.9	68	HANCOCK	26,581	40.6
25	UNION	22,309	69.8	69	CRAWFORD	17,590	36.7
26	HENRY	20,224	69.5	69	WOOD	41,589	36.7
27	KNOX	32,923	69.4	69	WARREN	41,782	36.7
28	CHAMPAIGN	24,666	68.5	72	ERIE	26,914	35.1
29	ROSS	47,407	68.4	73	ALLEN	36,103	32.9
30	HIGHLAND	24,321	68.1	74	RICHLAND	40,043	31.7
31	MUSKINGUM	55,290	67.4	75	CLARK	41,630	28.2
32	MADISON	24,756	66.8	76	TRUMBULL	63,514	27.9
33	WILLIAMS	24,309	65.8	77	STARK	80,923	22.0
34	COSHOCTON	23,234	65.6	78	GREENE	25,539	18.7
35	MERCER	25,458	64.5	79	BUTLER	50,003	17.2
36	WAYNE	62,716	61.8	80	MAHONING	42,380	16.0
37	WASHINGTON	37,652	60.5	81	LORAIN	37,002	13.6
38	COLUMBIANA	64,698	59.8	82	LAKE	21,840	10.1
39	JACKSON	18,037	59.7	83	SUMMIT	29,427	5.7
40	FULTON	22,509	58.5	84	LUCAS	24,265	5.2
41	SHELBY	26,205	58.3	85	MONTGOMERY	28,866	5.0
42	SCIOTO	46,270	57.6	86	HAMILTON	27,483	3.2
43	WYANDOT	12,664	56.9	87	FRANKLIN	30,022	3.1
44	HARDIN	17,342	55.7	88	CUYAHOGA	2,354	0.2

TOTAL, URBAN AND RURAL POPULATION OHIO BY DECADE



PERCENT URBAN AND RURAL OHIO BY DECADE



**PERCENT RURAL
1990**

